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**LANE CLOSURES ON I-215**  
**WORK BEGINS ON THE 60-91-215 INTERCHANGE AND FREEWAY**  
**IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**RIVERSIDE** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will begin work on improvements to the 60-91-215 Interchange and Interstate 215 on Tuesday, March 16. Lane restrictions will be in effect during the night as the contractor prepares for construction, and may create delays. The closures are necessary to do striping work and install K-rail at this location, in preparation for freeway widening and bridge reconstruction work planned. In addition, shoulders will be narrowed at various points between Blaine and University in both directions.

The following closures are planned:

- On northbound I-215 from Canyon Crest to Blaine, traffic will be restricted to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on successive nights: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday March 16 through 18, until 5 a.m. on Friday, March 19.
- On southbound I-215 from west of Blaine to University, traffic will be restricted to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on successive nights: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday March 16 through 18, until 5 a.m. on Friday, March 19.

Long term closure of the carpool lane on I-215 between Blaine and University in both directions will be in effect for approximately 15 months.





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The project's many improvements include widening I-215 from the interchange to past the 60-215 split, and reconstructing the existing bridges over the freeway. By widening the freeway, Caltrans will be able to extend the carpool lane from University to just west of the 60-215 split, thus improving commute times for motorists.

The Freeway Service Patrol (FSP), a special team of tow trucks that travel on selected freeways during peak hours to assist drivers when their cars break down, will be active at this location during construction. The FSP is funded by Caltrans and the Riverside County Transportation Commission, and was created to keep Riverside County's freeways moving.

Motorists are advised to use caution and allow extra time, and as always, slow for the cone zone. The safety of roadway workers depends on the motoring public.

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